

**Abstract**

A method and apparatus for dispensing and administering medications and issuing medical/surgical supplies using a device communicating with a central database is comprised of the steps of: (a) inputting information about a patient to the device for whom at least one medication may be dispensed and administered; (b) dispensing the at least one medication to the patient by inputting information about the at least one medication to the device; (c) saving the at least one medication to the patient selected; (d) inputting information about a patient to the device for whom at least one medical/surgical supply may be issued; (e) issuing the at least one medical/surgical supply to the patient by inputting information about the at least one medical/surgical supply to the device; and (f) saving the at least one medical/surgical supply to the patient selected. The method may be integrated into various other methods such as methods of restocking.

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